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DRAFT AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 14, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0032 with]:

[0032] In a preferred embodiment, a synthetic filamentous material suitable for fabricating a mesh for use as a sling include a commercially available material comprised of a Rashel knit mesh made from 150 denier polyester yarn. Such a mesh has a hole size of approximately 1/32" (0.794 mm) and a weight of approximately 4.7 oz/yd. (133.25 gr/.914 m). The yarn is a multi-filament yarn. In another embodiment a mesh known as Mersilene^{1M} may be used.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with: